(c) According to 1991 Census, 48,933 persons mentioned Kannada as their mother tongue against the total population of 10,71,508 living in Kasargod district as per the 1991 Census. The figures as per the 2001 Census have not yet been released.

(d) and (e) The Government of Karnataka have been of the view that the report of the Mahajan Commission should be implemented *in toto*. The Government of Karnataka have also pointed out that the Mahajan Commission had recommended the transfer of the taluka of Kasargod in Kerala, north of the Chandragiri and Payaswini rivers, to the State of Mysore (Karnataka) and that any discussion on the implementation of the Mahajan Commission report would necessarily have to involve the Government of Kerala also.

Robbery in Train

1738. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whethe the decoits robbed the passengers in a speeding Train No. 5314 down Agra Fort on the 6th September, 2001 and killed some persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to apprehend the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) On 6th September, 2001 some dacoits armed with rifles and other weapons entered train no. 5314, Marudhar Express Agra Fort just before Narhar Railway Station. Shri Raghunandan Lal Dubey, Head Constable, RPF, Pilibhit who was returning from leave and Shri Virendra Singh Yadav, Constable, who was on duty were killed when they tried to resist the dacoits. On hearing the sound of firing, General Railway Police personnel escorting the train rushed to the spot. During the encounter one dacoit was killed and some dacoits, passengers and police personnel were injured. the dacoits looted the deceased, passengers, and also abducted three passengers.

(c) On hearing of the incident senior officers rushed to the spot and cordoned off the area. A crime case no 532/2001 under section 396/364 of the IPC has been registered. A special investigation team was formed by the SSP, (Railway) Agra to investigate the case and orders have been issued for arresting the culprits and confiscating their property. During the investigation it has come to light that the Kalua Gang is involved in the dacoity. Two of the culprits were arrested and stolen property has been recovered from them. Due to pressure from the

police two other culprits have surrendered before the court. All the abducted persons have been released by the dacoits. The State police as well as the railway police have been deployed in the area and efforts are being made to locate the other culprits and to recover the rest of the stolen property.

Security measures regarding Railway Station and Airport in Jammu

1739. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-implementation of security steps led to bomb attack on Jammu Railway Station during the month of August, 2001;

(b) whether the situation could have been averted, if the authorities had implemented the security measures suggested by an expert panel over a year ago;

(c) whether Jammu Airport is most vulnerable because of its close location with the border of Pakistan;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not implementing the security measures; and

(e) by when the security measures of over a large area of Jammu including railway station and airport would be expeditiously implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) and (d) Jammu Airport is vulnerable because of continued terrorist activities in J&K. Various security measures have been taken to protect Jammu Airport in view of its vulnerability.

(e) The Central and State Governments and Railway Authorities, reviewed security arrangements at Jammu railway station with a view of further strengthening them. Similarly, security force personnel deployed on duty at Jammu Airport have been instructed to continue to be alert and strengthen the perimeter security.

The strategies, tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored by the State Government in consultation with the Unified Headquarters in Jammu and in Operation Groups at various levels.